

HOCKEY NORTH REGULATIONS

Article 3 – Hockey North Regulations

Regulation 1 - Insurance & Registration/ Tournament Fees:

- 1.01 Each member (zone) will pay an annual fee to the Branch as prescribed by the Board at the Annual General Meeting.
- 1.02 Insurance and assessments fees shall be payable in full not later than January 10th of the following year for which they apply.
- 1.03 Every player, coach, manager, trainer, team official and on-ice official participating in hockey under the jurisdiction of the branch shall be properly registered with Hockey North.

Regulation 2 - Player Registration:

- 2.01 All minor hockey associations must ensure that all players, coaches, bench personnel and volunteers are registered and insured with Hockey North no later than seven (7) days following the commencement of their minor hockey season. Late registrations must be forwarded to the Hockey North office, together with all monies owing, immediately following their registration. The last day to register a player with an association is February 10 of the current season.
- 2.02 A registration certificate will be acceptable if it is filed with the Hockey North Office on or before February 10th of the current season.
- 2.03 Associations that fail to report all their players to the branch in accordance with By-Law 2 shall be liable for immediate suspension and/or fine.
- 2.04 At any time, a player is forbidden to actually sign with more than one (1) team at a time during the current season. Any player participating in a league/team event, and not properly registered with the HOCKEY NORTH, is subject to suspension, any team using an ineligible player is subject to suspension.
- 2.05 In all categories Pee Wee and above, goalkeepers must be identified as such on the Registration Certificate or Player Roster Form. Such designated player may not play in a position other than goalkeeper.
- 2.06 It is the responsibility of team management to ensure registration certificates are properly completed in a legible manner. Improperly completed registration certificates will be returned to the team unapproved.
- 2.07 For every player applying for the first time for registration on a hockey team, the club shall submit, upon request, a birth certificate issued by a competent authority.

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- 2.08 In cases where it is impossible to secure a birth certificate, the branch's Executive Director may, if he/she considers the supporting evidence satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof, a duly certified baptismal certificate issued before the age of 10 years, or the age at the date of entry in this country as certified by the form filed at the port of entry.

Regulation 3 - Teams:

- 4.01 Recognized Classifications:
- a. Pre Novice / Initiation Program
 - b. Novice
 - c. Atom
 - d. Pee Wee
 - e. Bantam
 - f. Midget
 - g. Female
 - h. Minor Junior (Juvenile)
 - i. Junior
 - j. Old-timers
 - k. Adult Recreational

Regulation 4 – Initiation Program:

- 4.01 Initiation Program - "Initiation" refers to pre-novice hockey (under the age of 6 years old). The Initiation Program is a curriculum designed for entry level players and coaches. For the player the Initiation Program is designed to introduce beginners to the game's basic skills and make their first contact with hockey a safe and positive experience. Coaches will learn the necessities of teaching skills that will lay the foundation of future coaching experiences. Minor Hockey Associations are required to clearly show evidence in their Constitution and By-Laws that they adopt the Initiation Program curriculum in their association. All on-ice personnel in leadership positions in the divisions of novice and below are required to successfully complete the Initiation Program Instructor Program before December 31st of the current hockey season.

Regulation 5 – HOCKEY NORTH Championships:

- 5.01 The Hockey North (male and female) Championships may be played at the Pee wee, Bantam, Midget and Junior levels.
- 5.02 There will not be any Branch/Zone championship competition for Atoms, Novice and Initiation divisions.

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Regulation 6 - League Registration:

- 6.01 Documents required when submitting application for registration of a league are:
- a. cheque(s) or money order(s) covering the registration fees;
 - b. one (1) copy of the League Constitution (November 15 filing deadline);
 - c. one copy of the League schedule and playoff format (November 15 filing deadline); and
 - d. copy of playoff schedule (by January 10).
- 6.02 Leagues must register with Hockey North on an annual basis. Registration deadlines are to be set by Hockey North at the Annual General Meeting.

Regulation 7 - Coaching Certification:

- 7.01 All minor hockey coaches involved in instructing children between the ages of five to eight years, inclusive, must be Coach 1 trained at the Initiation Program.
- 7.02 In Minor and Female hockey, all coaches with teams participating in National or Branch Championships or Arctic Winter Games must hold a minimum of Development 1 Trained in the National Coaching Certification Program by December 31st, of the current season.
- 7.03 In Minor and Female hockey, all coaches with teams participating in regular season programs must hold a minimum of Coach 2 Trained in the National Coaching Certification Program.

Regulation 8 - On-ice Officials:

- 8.01 Only these two (2) such crests shall be worn. All on-ice officials must be registered with the branch and must wear the Hockey North crest on the official's sweater (black and white striped) and may wear a Hockey Canada crest on the left sleeve.
- 8.01 The wearing of the black and white sweater is mandatory for all on-ice officials.

Regulation 9 - Responsibility of Proving the Eligibility of a Member:

- 9.01 Team officials have the responsibility of proving the eligibility of their players.
- 9.02 Any player found, after a hearing by the Hockey North or Hockey Canada, to have falsified a birth certificate, Hockey Canada registration certificate or of forging and playing under an assumed name, or of having had knowledge that same had been falsified, or of playing on other than that person's own birth certificate, shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey with any team affiliated with the Hockey

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Canada for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years from the date of his suspension.

- 9.03 Any team official, executive member of a team, club or association, found, after a hearing by Hockey North or Hockey Canada of having been party to, or having had knowledge of such falsification, shall be Suspended for a period of not less than 3 years from playing or holding office with any team, club or association affiliated with Hockey Canada.

Regulation 10 - Protests:

- 10.01 Protests may be made in regard to interpretations of rules, bylaws, regulations, eligibility issues, and constitutional matters but not in regard to a judgment call of an on-ice official.
- 10.02 A verbal protest arising out of an incident in a game situation must be made by the captain or alternate captain of the aggrieved team to the referee at the first reasonable opportunity after the action or decision complained of occurs and in all cases the verbal protest must be made within fifteen minutes after the close of the period in which the action or decision complained of, occurred.
- 10.03 When a protest arises in a game and the protesting team has complied with the foregoing, the team must put its protest in writing and send it, together with one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, to the league coordinator, president or a person designated by the league coordinator or president within twenty-four hours of the completion of the game in which the action or decision complained of, took place.
- 10.04 A protesting team shall also send a copy of its written protest to the opposing team or other affected party within twenty-four hours after the matter or event giving rise to the protest has occurred.
- 10.05 A team or other party entitled to respond to a protest must do so in writing within twenty-four hours of receiving a copy of the protest.
- 10.06 The league coordinator or president shall fix a time and place for the hearing of the protest and shall give any interested party a reasonable and fair opportunity to be heard and to present their case and after the hearing, the league coordinator or president shall promptly issue a decision to either reject or uphold the protest.
- 10.07 If the protest is rejected, the decision complained of stands, but if the protest is allowed, the league coordinator or president shall take the appropriate action or impose the appropriate sanction.
- 10.08 If the protest is upheld, the protest fee is returned to the protesting team or party, but if it is rejected, the money is forfeited to the appropriate league.

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Regulation 11 - Suspensions:

- 11.01 When a suspension has been handed down, a copy of such suspension notice, in writing, must be filed with the branch office within seven (7) days of the infraction. Minimum suspensions may not be appealed.
- 11.02 Situation in which infraction occurs: Person who imposes suspensions
- League/Playoff Games (Minor, Female) League Co-ordinator
 - Tournament/Exhibition Games (Minor, Female) Tournament Discipline Committee
 - Exhibition/League/Playoff Games (Junior/Juvenile) Junior Hockey League
 - Exhibition/League/Playoff Games (Junior) League Commissioner
 - Tournament/Exhibition Games (Senior, Adult Rec.) League President
 - Officials HOCKEY NORTH Executive Committee
 - Physical or Verbal abuse HOCKEY NORTH Discipline and Ethic Committee (rules 71 or 49(A) Hockey Canada Playing Rules)
- 11.03 A list of suspensions carried over from the previous season or outstanding and unserved suspensions will be forwarded to all League Presidents and Hockey Councils at the commencement of each season.

Regulation 12 - Participation In A Tournament, Jamboree, Exhibition Game:

- 12.01 Teams at the Initiation and Novice level are permitted to participate in sanctioned Jamborees held in the NWT & Nunavut.
- 12.02 Associations must submit their Applications for Tournament and Jamboree Accreditation and applicable fees to the branch. Associations which fail to submit such application will be subject to a penalty fee of \$50.00 and/or further sanctions or suspensions.
- 12.03 No minor tournament or jamboree will be sanctioned in a Minor Association if it is in conflict with a previously sanctioned tournament or jamboree.
- 12.04 No minor tournament or jamboree will be sanctioned during territorial or Hockey North championships.
- 12.05 All categories must submit their Application for Tournament Accreditation and applicable fees no later than two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament or three weeks prior, in the case of Female Tournaments.
- 12.06 Tournament or Jamboree Sanction Permits will be issued and distributed as soon as possible following approval of same.

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- 12.07 No team shall be permitted to play exhibition or Inter-Branch games of any kind, without the written or faxed permission of the Hockey North Executive Director. Violation of this rule may result in the suspension of the team officials and/or players involved.
- 12.08 All games played within the branch which takes place outside a League and/or Playoff schedule must be approved in advance.
- 12.09 A request to play an exhibition game must be filed with the branch office in writing, stating the name of the teams proposing to play such a game, the date, time and location of the game, and a copy of the roster of both teams, stating the players' names, and the names of all management personnel of both teams (coaches, manager, trainer, volunteers).
- 12.10 For insurance purposes, any player or team official/management not insured the previous year must be insured and registered prior to participating in an exhibition game.

Regulation 13 - Travel Permits:

- 13.01 All teams traveling out of the Northwest Territories or Nunavut for the purpose of participating in sanctioned tournament or exhibition game must first receive a travel permit, approved by the branch. Each team will be issued not more than four (4) travel permits per season excluding hockey regional/national championship.
- 13.02 The traveling team must obtain the appropriate "Travel Permit" form from the branch office, complete it with details as to the purpose of the travel, and have it approved by the respective league coordinator, MHA president, and then return the form to the Hockey North office for approval by the Executive Director.
- 13.03 No team shall be permitted to play inter-branch games of any kind without the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the branch and such permission shall not be given to any team to play against a team which is not a member of Hockey Canada or its branches. Violation of this rule may result in the suspension of the team's officials and/or players involved.

Regulation 14 - Advertising (Minor Hockey - Male and Female):

- 14.01 No breweries, distilleries, wineries or tobacco companies shall be permitted to display advertising or any connotation of the aforementioned on uniforms or equipment of any team in Minor Hockey (male and female).

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Regulation 15 - Sanctioning:

- 15.01 Fund-raising projects, benefit games, exhibition games, jamborees, tournaments, conditioning and evaluation camps as well as league and play-off games shall be sanctioned by the Executive Director of the branch or a person designated by the Executive Director of the branch.
- 15.02 Hockey North member teams must compete against other Hockey Canada member teams in order to have insurance coverage. Insurance coverage will not be extended to Hockey North member teams who participate against non-Hockey Canada member teams.
- 15.03 An exception to Regulation 15.02 would be for “benefit” games. In such games in which a Hockey North member team is playing against a non-Hockey Canada member team in a fundraising situation, the Hockey North member team would have insurance coverage, however, coverage would not be extended to the non-Hockey Canada member team.
- 15.03 Hockey North teams competing against IIHF or USA Hockey member teams in events sanctioned by the appropriate body will be covered such as Arctic Winter Games.
- 15.04 In cases where the branch has granted “overage” status to a minor hockey player, the player and those competed against will have insurance coverage.
- 15.05 Hockey activities which fall within the time frame of May 1st and September 1st of the calendar year must be sanctioned by the Executive of the branch.

Regulation 16 - Conflict of Interest:

- 16.01 Hockey North Board members shall avoid any conflict of interest in the performance of their duties as a member of the Hockey North Board of Directors.
- 16.02 A Hockey North Board member recognizing a conflict of interest in any matter before the Hockey North Board, shall declare a Conflict of Interest and identify the same, and immediately withdraw from the meeting without participating in the consideration of the matter at hand.
- 16.03 A Hockey North Board member, challenged as having a conflict of interest, shall immediately be given the opportunity to identify the situation to the Hockey North Board. A majority vote shall render a decision on whether a conflict of interest exists, and no appeal will be entertained.

Regulation 17 - Playing Rules

- 17.01 That any League or Association wishing to vary an existing Hockey Canada or Hockey North Playing Rule shall be required to submit in writing to the Executive of the branch a request for the variation, which may only be implemented if approved by Hockey North.
- 17.02 That any LMHA or League shall be permitted to enact regulations that would permit the League to issue a suspension for the accumulations of penalty minutes for Misconducts/Game Misconducts. These suspensions for accumulations may, at the discretion of the League, be enforced in League games only.